DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE JOB OPENING

Opening Date: October 23, 2020 Closing Date: Until Filled

FALSE CLAIMS ACT DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL Civil Division, New Castle County

Description of Duties:

The Delaware Department of Justice, Civil Division, seeks a Deputy Attorney General ("DAG") to be assigned primarily to manage *qui tam* actions brought on behalf of the state and to initiate the Department of Justice's own False Claims actions without need for whistleblowers. This position will be located in New Castle County.

The Delaware False Claims and Reporting Act (DFRCA) provides that actions can be taken and damages recovered from individuals, businesses or organizations that commit fraud resulting in overcharging of state government agencies. The DFCRA protects from fraudulent conduct that occurs at any point during the procurement process. Actions can be initiated either by our office based information known or uncovered by DOJ, or by a whistleblower with direct knowledge of the alleged fraudulent claims. The whistleblower path, known as *qui tam*, allows for the whistleblower, known as a relator, to file the action alleging the fraud and, if successful, to retain a portion of the damage awards. In *qui tam* actions, our office decides whether to intervene in the action. With every *qui tam* action that moves forward—either with or without DOJ's intervention—there is an accompanying resource demand on our office to oversee the action and, at a minimum, direct the state's discovery obligations.

This DAG's primary responsibilities will be to work with state agencies to take legal action and recover funds expended by state vendors as a result of fraudulent activity and engage in litigation in the civil courts or administrative tribunals as necessary.

The DAG will engage in legal research and conduct investigative actions including but not limited to witness interviews, document collection and review, and other correspondence incident to the official duties of the State of Delaware Department of Justice pursuant to enforcement of the DFCRA. Under the supervision and direction of the State Solicitor, the DAG will draft, edit, and file legal documents with courts and administrative tribunals, independently schedule events arising out of or related to litigations undertaken by (or on behalf of) the State of Delaware. The Deputy Attorney General must be able to formulate legal advice and guidance on DFCRA matters. The DAG will also have other assignments and duties within the Affirmative Litigation Unit, and they will be expected to handle civil and administrative cases to support the Unit as the need arises.

Experience in prosecuting complex litigation before Delaware courts and experience in prosecuting cases before an administrative hearing officer is beneficial. This DAG should be able to work independently and meet deadlines, with demonstrated legal ability and thorough knowledge of relevant laws and court rules. Membership in Delaware Bar is required.

<u>Internal Delaware Department of Justice Applicants:</u> Please submit an updated Resume or summary of work experience to the Director of Human Resources.

External Applicants: In order to be considered for this position, External applicants must submit Resume and the Delaware Department of Justice Application (please see link): http://attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/executive/hr/job-application/

OR External applicants can mail Resume and the Delaware Department of Justice Application to: Delaware Department of Justice, Human Resources, 820 N. French Street, 6th Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801, OR E-mail to: DOJHR@delaware.gov OR Fax to: 302-577-5866. EOE.